

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 7 August 2008

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum
Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Committee-II: Present: Raymond C. Coia, Esq., Gary J. Gaube, Sen. Catherine Graziano, R.N., Ph.D., Robert Hamel R.N., Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley, DC, (Chair), Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

Not Present: Wallace Gernt, Maria Gil, Ellen Nelson, Ph.D.

Excused: Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair)

Staff: Valentina Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Bruce McIntyre, Esq., Ashley Salvati (Intern)

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. Minutes of Project Review Committee-II meetings of 29 November 2007, 8 May 2008, and 26 June 2008 were accepted as submitted. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven in favor and none opposed (7-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Coia, Gaube, Graziano, Hamel, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application of **Amedisys, Inc.** for change in effective control of TLC Health Care Services, Inc. and its subsidiary Tender Loving Care Health Care Services of New England, LLC a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency at 438 Broadway in Providence. Staff noted the \$100,000 Escrow agreement in place with regards to this application.

The applicant presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposal. The Committee discussed issues regarding continuity of care and access to traditionally underserved population.

Ms. Panichas recommended linking for-profit and non-profit companies by establishing formal arrangements for referrals of patients. Staff requested that the applicant address the applicant's compliance history in the state of Oregon.

The applicant discussed governmental sanctions imposed with regards to an agency in Monroe, Louisiana. The applicant noted that the Office of Inspector General terminated the Corporate Integrity agreement in 2007.

The applicant reviewed the proposed financing which would increase the total level of debt to 18%.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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